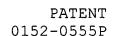
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November 18, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 25, 2002, the due date having been extended two (2) months to November 25, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 5 with prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the following claim:

1. (Amended) An ink for ink jet printers which contains a pigment and an organic solvent wherein a silicone graft polymer is present in the ink and is dispersed in the organic solvent in the form of particles having a particle diameter of 0.01-0.3 μm and in such a state that the silicone graft polymer is adsorbed